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Dear ones:

Thank you for your remembering! Your Christmas greetings and gift all have reached me and brought untold joy. What would I have done without your prayer!

This year has stretched me into new jobs, new responsibilities and new dependence on God. I always dreaded Treasurer's work. Suddenly I had to be Mission Treasurer for Eastern half Shantung Province. Can you who bank in simple stable dollars and cents imagine having to deal in the sky-rocketing millions of this year. Think of scrambling to get checks cashed rushing to put the money into flour or cloth before it was lost in inflation. Then try to sell it at the right time before it vanishes again overnight. Keeping it all figured in the dollar value of the day for the books. Now we have a completely new currency to keep up with. I still exist!

in the organization of
Property managing and repair; sitting in/the new church; evangelistic work; endless committee meetings and callers; A sudden illness and hospital experience; heartrending crisis decisions to be made often alone; the uncertainties of the new regime and contacts with new government officials and meeting their regulations - all have added to experiences.

How grateful I am for loyal helpers and friends. As I look back only the amazing help of our dear Holy One, by your prayers, has pulled us through.

You see how I need you. Don't forget to pray. It is a deep privilege to be here to hold a little finger in the "Holland Dike". Needing you-
February 14, Tsingtao, China — Irene

4 Tsui Young Rd. Feb. 25, 1950

Dearest Eula:

Someone sent me these slips to go by airmail from Hong Kong. I am using them to my most precious ones — Yours got one without any question!

Honey girl, how are you? Yours Jan 22 - air mail direct has been here a few days — good time. Yes, some mail now comes so just send direct from now on.

I'm glad you're out of jail! That balance is very close — when all outstanding checks are in. Better now I guess. A - is, my personal B. Tardis C is Willard's Does that help? Will keep at it — the acct helps me — I do not want to overdraw. — I drew out some extra at a time when we could get cash — in faith that it would come in. It has but it's my uncertainty.

I've gotten out printed letters to 300 done here on mimeograph + had the accountant + "all hands" helped. I could have then do it + I thought third like a comm. stamp etc. May I know I appreciated your doing it this time — what a job! I sent a copy + a lot of pictures to Outreach. Should asked for it. I meant to send you a list of those sent too but not essential. Mr. Ching is typing a new list of names for you. I'm writing notes to put into some to whom I am much indebted! Enclosing a few snaps that are my last — they will be in your slower letter.

Spring Evang. is over — a week of meetings. Mr. Rinell of Kaoshan 35 yrs. missionary Swedish — born here excellent chinese is leading. Het wife each P.M. after meeting one for coffee. I have added some each day of the foreigners — so each day with had guests — invited + then dropping in — yesterday 13! The cook — made pineapple upside down cake — good but it was nip + tuck to have enuf! Today the Anglican Bishop is coming — I'm scared of him! + most Anglicans — but I included them today — "Everybody's Lonely" — Recall the story of the little girl who treated all on that basis?

A Christian in from village telling of their not missing a Sun of

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worship. How two officials had had him "on carpet" because 2 Cs became Christians. It is such fighting spirit that will preserve the church! Pray for more of this kind among all! The things they go thru -- sometimes help one to understand the "trials" in other places.

Erva M. has not been well so she will go home before long. Bruce M. has been sent to Siam to Theol. Sem. after waiting since May in Hilt. Siam carry will — miss him so! Dick Bryant may get back to China 1952 — no passes yet — Smith (30+ yrs) is the real help + very fine. These Swedish Bapts can't go to interior so they help! Who knows when we can have a like return? Recognition must precede 9 fear & what is that — many problems. So far no question further — in me — but remaining. Truck out yesterday had clutch cleaned - Rusted tight — stored since May. My furlough very uncertain — no date — from this angle of things — So I belong to Retreat! I just had letter — How much of me? —

— much much love, Irene

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Mr + Mrs R.W. Acker
Grandview
Washington

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Sender's name and address:-
J. Hamilton
4 Tai Hang Rd
Tai Hang
Kowloon

March 23, 1950

- March. - air mail go — good to get auks so far Feb. bank Dear do the same is missing we can are in. I'm sure n you'll get a call send your money + Paul can begin now to e loan — so accept

Ray do be careful of yourself! I am y about your illness it it worry you + whether you can stay on or not! The being not the doing is often the greatest value + even if you can't — you've seen His glory so often in His Loving Provision — it will happen again!

A mrs mary chang of Tsingtao is also at Ashworth College & Mrs Edna Tang. I know Mary Chang just slightly + her mother better. She went to U.S.A. under R.C. do not know how she got out then Kenny Wilson maybe —

If you know of her or hear after her
you'll understand.
Spring is late — but coming
all right. Many great stories
come of God hurting thru in
S. Shanting in spite of persecution
starvation — I'll sum to sum depths
of hopelessness that — thy are
pearlers of persecution — + +
many miracles of His Presence
are told — By a dear
Happy Easter — One Easter in
A.C. I had such a lonely longing
this year — glad to be here —
Much love, S.F.

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AIR LETTER

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Mrs. Acker

Groudview

Washington U.S.A

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艾克夫人

青島路二九號 (董)

4 Tsi Yang Rd. April 11,50

Dear Ones: Yours of Mar. 20 - here - good quick service
I've accept now as we check it has one 327.00 outstanding
check of last april sometime. How strange! Your
last letter with May 1949 statement cleared two checks
off - 300.00 + 100.00 so I am at ease about them. The Boat
also sent 100.00 - & I urate Paul tried to pay as he is
able to now. He has had a raise. Joyce is working &
Dyer bought a car (2000 loan from her father &
repaid 1000.00 already. (no direct connections to
Joyce's school) so she can repay some to me
It is all right for him to. I saw send some
other from Board if necessary there.
Your belated letter got thru about the dis-
position of the rugs. Thank you - but you did
not need to do that at all. I want you to feel
them yours & to do whatever brings you greatest
pleasure!
Ping now has four babies. He has been so full of
sputter today & has gone over "You are cute" —
so many times that what would happen
if he convinced me??
Raw off to the Preachers' - blue - Monday rest.
only two were free or well. Rest utter busy or
suffering from Tsingtao spring treachery. Went to
Park with sandwiches in to me - one of loveliest
spots of earth. A little secluded valley - 2
perfect fresh white magnolia trees, many purple
ones in fat bud, pink pink flowering peach & some
apricots - - with delicate green of new leaves.
A bit of Heaven unclouded a few days only to turn
folks homesick for the greater glory! I loved
it! Been busy tho all P.M since!!
Hillsboro just bestrangles me with their loyalty &
giving! I've written them twice recently!
Here Letter - thanks! Mrs. Campbell's utter two nice! Sept
the spoofer! Do keep well Eula honey!
Sat with Lufai Easter, then Swedish friend had the famed
"Smorgarbord" - feast & it was delicious. Did I tell you

that my British colleague is gone — to Taiwan. The boat rocked considerably but is calming again. Hope Bryant can return (?)! Gunnar — the Swedish man is doing famously — helping me move & recatalogue the big warehouse I. Some job but his fine to help I — Somehow God prepares folks all along. I have such marvelous Chinese coworkers! Had my blue suit & coat cleaned. A cheap cleaner about 30 ¢ U.S. & I've a new blue straw hat (Mme-Tang made for me — That's my Easter — good you had the fur coat! mine isn't very good fur — may not last too well but I enjoy its voluminous folds — after the tight one —

We've gotten a new mini club too just going — They sang Easter Sun. Do you ever see Chandlers at Pullman W.U.? They were here some years. A Mary Chang from Tsingtao went thru Catholic church. I think Kenny W. got her to Whitworth. I know her not too intimately, Edna Tang, the Korean girl, of the fine family, here w/ rates of her too recently.

Tomorrow nite a birthday dinner for Clara Sullivan so that will be nice. Wonderful Easter services! Again I am impressed that Christ gave only one order for works — love as I loved you — Hours is done with fellers — it is Hour of Love's value my! how much His Cross must cost! Mostly day-to-me Easter-Saint's time —

4 Tsuihua Road
Taipei, Taiwan

國際航空郵簡
AIR LETTER

PAR AVION

Mr. R. W. Adair
Grandview
Washington

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May 11, 50.

Dearest Sis: I am going thru old mail - enclosing [redacted] for you to mail. The list of the many names is to be mailed to D. K. West of 3414 Hillcrest, Davenport, Iowa. merely tell him it was the list he asked for. He will forward it. No warren's medicine never got thru - maybe someday yet. My how the grandchildren have grown. Laurie 2 yrs! Curate to Mrs Calmont of Jeanek wonder whether they rec'd my thanks for the 10.00? a list of 46.49 letters in this file. Do be careful Sis, dear + tired!! Yours of 2-23-49 to the Jurisprogress. A dentist went from here to his home in Palestine. Thurs going thru any difficulties - Hope they can manage for here they could not longer. Think. Please give my regards to the Belton's! Think glad you enclosed her letter, all them with such joy - glad you are! Did Warren ever get the 5 copies of "Chung's mother". Sure I the 2 or 1948 letters here. There are plenty - I'm supplemental that he wanted it! I'm glad to reread that nice, all arrived! + 2 trunks! What a story - for the mirror! How does' Richard like Mayo - wonderfully + busy I expect!

I wonder would "Today" get this (45 Witherspoon Building Phila 7, Pa - if they sent it air (that Detroit group might take it + mail me the - rud copies) I've asked any order blank never mind - Likely not, good write up of your talk on hom - I got facial pumice - my life saver Mar 2-1950, letter here. I've gone over all enclosures So nice to get Kay's letter + keep in touch, just now - Erie Welsh's order for 500. mimeo vases came in wonderfully. Flew as op as p matter + no duty. May it prove its test a of help for the B.S. They will sell them here for 5¢ + lapel 15 per doz. + she thinks they can get many or Wonderful. A marvelous letter from a Mrs. Rule came up after two — really been called by God to this

it is so thrilled over it. I be one who came to talk one day with such problems + doubts! Wonderful! Broke his engagement as he was sure she wouldn't do in China — Don Phillips, a finlad.

My! what a blat — sorry — I'm doing several things at once. Yours apr 6. here. Note of Bd 100 q rec'd Friday 30.00 - yours 5th. uffs 15th Rec'd 14th - march 24th - What is uffs for? Still for little girls? I'll give it for her unless otherwise told. Yours? my dear what's that for! You do so much for me + need things yourself!!

This is a funny letter — It was to go in the one that got mailed by mistake yesterday. Youll wonder why. I had no letter in it for you. now the spill etc — — — That was a queer reply from the bank. Their records are there — if they have no one to copy it they could let you do it. Never mind will work on it with the new letters from you. Mar 22. with boy letters unpacked — to P.O. all too to enjoy. Your letter got away with all of the others that were to go. I laughed, so when it may 13 arrives you will be surprised to have no note in it.

Thanks so for all of bank notes — at last. The 325.00 is accounted for. We have all clear, now. Worked yesterday. If there was a 12.00 discrepancy in Aug then we'll exact. Why won't they ever let you do they read their books? just a returns simple looking at their bookkeeping it would seem to me. Anyway, now I can rest + begin to rest from that acct. + you too can rest in heart — not to be worried over it! It is clear = + all straight, now that this mush is here! Much love Lumin Hartley + pattiedear

May 20 —

Dearest Sis:

Just a note this a.m. Tomorrow we are having an all day prayer meeting for about five times ten of responsible ones for various work centers —— with noon meal —. We are taping for a great blessing ——.

Honey, in going thru a shelf one day I found a small paper box of pink pills —— Nestebrii inside "Pres. Woman's Society, Presbyterian Church. Grandview Wash. —— The outer paper (on its inner side) was the address to you from M. McLeod, Oregon City, a dollar was enclosed. It had been put away somehow — anyway I just Hand the $1.00.

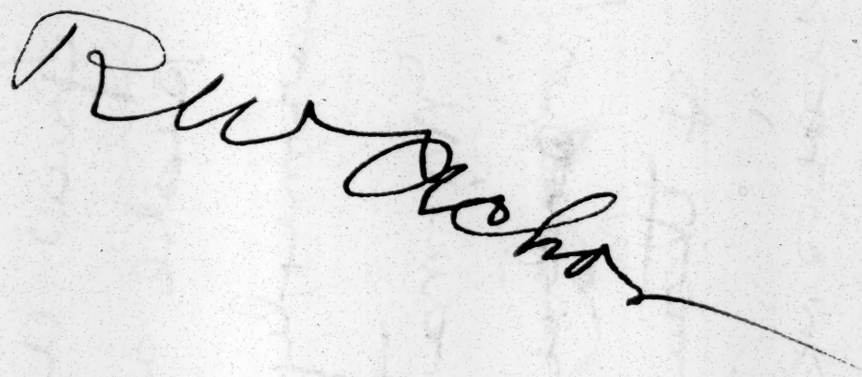
25 on poorer paper but still not too bad, so. I'm mail them in case some of E. O. or S. W. would like a prayer reminder.

Are you being careful + resting well?

I hope so! Be sure to! Hastily

Irene

I think you had told me to take
2 of these for 1 stultutral. Right?
But to whom am I indebted?
They can't be Warrens. Not enuf
for 10.00 purchase & not his
name on it — unless he sent
it to you & you readdressed it.
put it in an old box with
Pres. Miss. Society written on
it. & you used also the
reverse side of paper sent
to you formerly to mail this
in ——— No matter — trouble
mystery is solved — You will
know & thank whoever is
my gracious helper. I am
very grateful for them,
I sent the 25 small
pictures to Mrs. Gittins —
In the process there were



Longtoo June 8, 1950.

Dearest Sis, Ray + All: +Jayr22.

Your letters thru May 4th are here. Some at last — I'm so sorry about Ray's illness + Eulais high pressure. Yours back from Mayo's most likely now + I hope to be getting a good report before long. I am waiting to get accounts with costs — Today all — morning executive meeting with committee — We all were one at heart grappling with big problems ahead — strength + clear + sure plans ——— (Portugese, French, Swedish, Eng + Amer + Haiti) tea. I have ladies (here for a tea. I have done my social return for them + there will be that as 16 — other of ladies (ger. Swiss, Swed, Amer, Georgian Ques included all) on Friday. It is surely interesting how one of all nationalities — in Christ I am as one — Thank you for enclosed letter from Mary D. + news of Michael + Debbie! How like Richard's baby pictures Michael's are — You have a pre- cious family! What a joy to have Richard in Mayo's now. God is good! Yes. I read the Detroit program — No — I'm wrong — Program for years? I got a church bulletin — I think.

Don't let my accounts worry you — honey girl. We will as Lord's gifts in that acct. For a time I had a big advance on salary 500.00 for year at what we might go thru — + Jurate to 300 check here. + then when I died

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(I'll write on another page - easier to read
know for so many months that it was cashed
if it had not been then I had no way to count it up
the Lord's part to cover it, till I could
get more personal in it, I drew a big sheet
with several columns to keep that neat
clear. Eula in the letter you say Wiffs
aren't reading any more to the little
girl. Does mean no more after this Feb's
15.00. or that given this 15.00 they do
not wish to go to her? Is it not sending it to her?
already given it for her, unless
they object. Grace Idelsby is surely
a good friend & generous. That too
is her love — to you & your kindness
to her — Thank her — if you write.
Certain reports give possibility of being
unable to continue to abide after passports
are out. Not clear yet. Residence permits
for here good till Nov. end. My U.S. passport
is already antedated — so far no process
to renew as we have no U.S. Consul here
& can't get one unless in person. Hope
circumstances may change these rules —
either the govt reissue our passports
or. I've read The Pit & Pendulum — Poe. rather
interesting & from our point of view.

interlinear interpretations are not always to be depended on — if you are good you'll be able to do it. Increasingly necessary to do your eyes. Is it a matter of getting out fluid? or glaucoma? H.T. Paul a fine specialist here cared for Paul's mother's eyes. Take your pet old dear, + I'll get me a fish for breakfast. Didn't we feast on mt. Hood on the crisp trout !! + the lovely snow banks. No word from Mr. Cromley. Is he any better —

Can you not rout another hour thru + enjoy their fruit + friendliness for a time?

Bye much love to you dearest family —

Summer will be full — Irene

Tsingtao, August 7th 1950.

The Board of Foreign Missions of Presbyterian Church,
228 Mc Allister Street,
San Francisco.

Dear Friends,

Best wishes to those of you there. I am sorry I am not sure who is in charge but may I trouble you.

I am sending a box in your care. It will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Charles Cowherd of the Southern Baptist Mission. He left here last week for Japan where he will transhipp. He has asked one of their mission to meet him to help with the baggage. If you could contact the Baptist representative before it might be a help. Mr. Cowherd will give you the key, and the list of the contents.

Will you please have the box and the key, if it arrives in good condition, sent on the cheapest way to my sister Mrs. R.W. Achor, Grandiew, Washington. They have been contemplating a move, so it might be best to drop them a card berore sending it on. According to my latest word they will be there, however. It should go through safety but if it needs repairing will you look after it. Will you also please honor and pay any bills that Mr. Cowherd presents for this and charge it back to the New York account.

Thank you very much indeed. My guidance so far is to stay on. The recent letter from Dr. Ruland corroborates my decision. It came on my birthday and was reassuring indeed. Naturally those with apposite advice came too. "In spite of!...." the evangelistic work is continuing. Without the plug in the walll it is uncertain how much can go on. Again and again I feel "who would not be a plug for that", God's deep peace is my reassurance.

I hope there is no question about the other pieces of baggage you are holding for me. I do not want to send that on now, especially under this uncertainty of my sister's plans. Just hold them there please. Thank you for this great service. You rope-holders at home are very important.

Most gratefully,

Irene Forsythe.

IF:jc.

Dearest Sis: Have had yours of June 19 — and 28 Aug — & 30 — about trip to Spokane. Glad you could see Bessie & Marqie. Edna T. wrote her parents with great delight of your visit. Guy have had a recent one which they think tells of der visiting you. I so thru. Piano probably is having a re awaking. She is an excellent pianist. Her second sister is fine too — plays for afternoon church. Interesting card re Comrades speaking — where? I don't know. L. Morris P. do? The May 11 from Mrs. Brainard tells of Mrs. Statt — grands Pass I assume — Thanks so for letters from boys & fine family. Glad you're safely back from Mayos & that all are as well as could be expected. I hope you can find a nice place there after the — more or for the more — if it is necessary. Is Rich. at Mayos for a set period only — It would be nice to be near them — Babies! babies now you'll enjoyed them & will — The grand mother looks- I laughed at Helen Rinehart's use of this term grandchild. Mary V's family is growing part too like Richard's. Ray, take it easy. I think of the

years of wonderful service you have given to our Master — with the fruitful ministry. What a joy it is to the Master's heart. I surely congratulate you on all of it. You can give many more hours of that much needed prayer pulling while we all so need. I do especially. I am so glad for your loyal prayer holders at home! God bless you dear ones!

Synod Shantung's Retreat over — 100 more talks here for 2 weeks — This week still busy planning for work & meetings etc. Thanks so for your letter. Hope enclosed request will not be too wearing on you. Had nice birthday — Ruland's letter says we are pre-under Gods leading to decide to stay or not. Also they earnestly hope many will decide to. This again carries my decision to stay — as long as possible. Much much love, Dear

Tsingtao, China, August 26, — 1950

Dearest Ruth; What a busy summer we have had — no leisure — lots of activities at all — increasing "in spite of" — but may be greatly — use of for all of + his grace + love. All of summer plans for the regular activities for the regular [illegible] there. Synod 100+ delegates, not here as of that is then — wonderfully — it is so much to [illegible] glory because not easily ——. The wonderful fall weather is on. It is superb! Nicest time in China — clear sunny days; the sky so blue + sea all colors. Our hot weather was [illegible] really long, hot + tiring but our new house weathered it; fall swimming so far excellent; I got the letter of to you with a blank space for the address of N.T. 's daughter. She is Mrs. B. Halmquist 11342 S. 54th Court, Chicago 43, Illinois. It is she who gets the dragon vase + carried box when the boy reaches you. Hope I have not delayed but anyway no hurt! — Send the vase may be more well-wrapped by express — or anyway. How said cheapest way, if you could send it C.O.D. all right. What about your eyes? Your very veins shrinking. Are you reading much? Is your blood pressure still high? Have you sold the car? We just sold

the Willys Jeep (Mission) this week. I'd keep
"Angel". I might have sold it — only Jeep that
no license + couldn't get one, nor exchange
this so we sold Jeep. They could get a
license. This week very full. Bryant's re-
quest to return, not given. I have had
to pick up his things + see to rent —
every week. Today "Heater" from
this A.M. One or two accounts for random
Bank. May I am statements here. There are
two checks now written #43 #44 for
300.00 each, which will get three
eventually. We never get a statement
for August 1949. We think there was a
deposit ten of 12.10 because that sum
keeps running in Bank's statements as extra
+ we have no record of its depositing.
I'll be writing a report soon to all
+ special thanks from all of them.
Grace Kelly sent twice? essential
200.00 needed so unworthy all of these love
gifts. — I mean of this trust for them!
Will you mail enclosed note to Board!
The fangs were so delighted that
Edna was going to see you.
Hope it did not tire you!

there are misgs. allowed to return from England to Shensi & foreigners can go freely in country to preach. So that gives us hope. I was glad to have Board letter that they expect some to determine to stay thru!
Plain no other guidance I
so praise God for the very wonderful provision of everything
each one is a treasure!
I need each one — gathered
dresses, principals? Sect'y all well
so I can be a plug in the wall
for such strokes work
with children — much
appreciated are — much
love, Dr. Wirts group to
Medford Ore church
Best love — Hope your
Xmas are improved —
Anyhow I pray so, let's go!

Tsingtao, Oct. 13th 1950.

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Tsingtao, Oct. 14th 1950.

Mrs. R. V. Scholl,
302 E 2nd,
Grandview, Washington.

My dear Sister,

We are in need of slides here in Tsingtao. I am enclosing 2 copies of the "list of slides to be purchased", will you please order these for us, and make the payment from my bank account. When these slides are ready to be mailed, please send them to me through Mr. Dick Bryant at the following address:

c/o Mr. Dick Bryant,
11A Carnarvon Road,
Kowloon, Hongkong.

Thanking you for your kind help.

Yours affectionately,

Irma Forsythe.

See how well Mr. Ching does.

Dearest Sis: I sent you an air mail yesterday saying not to sell any of the contents of the box. Those things are the most unusual in many ways of all the Chinese things I'll ever get. I'll sell them only to keep me out of poor house. I laughed at your enthusiasm. Reminded me of the way you managed for Paul Schuler to make it clear before ——— Sorry get buyers' hopes up ——— but then can't be duplicated & I'll keep them. Edna Tang's letter here. Delighted with the time with you. Are so grateful. Head address for the empty

Who in the world ever
picture of that belief
You rest, sitting on
a rock?
No trouble here with
thorns
Don't know Sweet
the
look for
your stuff carefully
later come U. come
over stay with Ivy
go to Rawlings for
new
Blackberries
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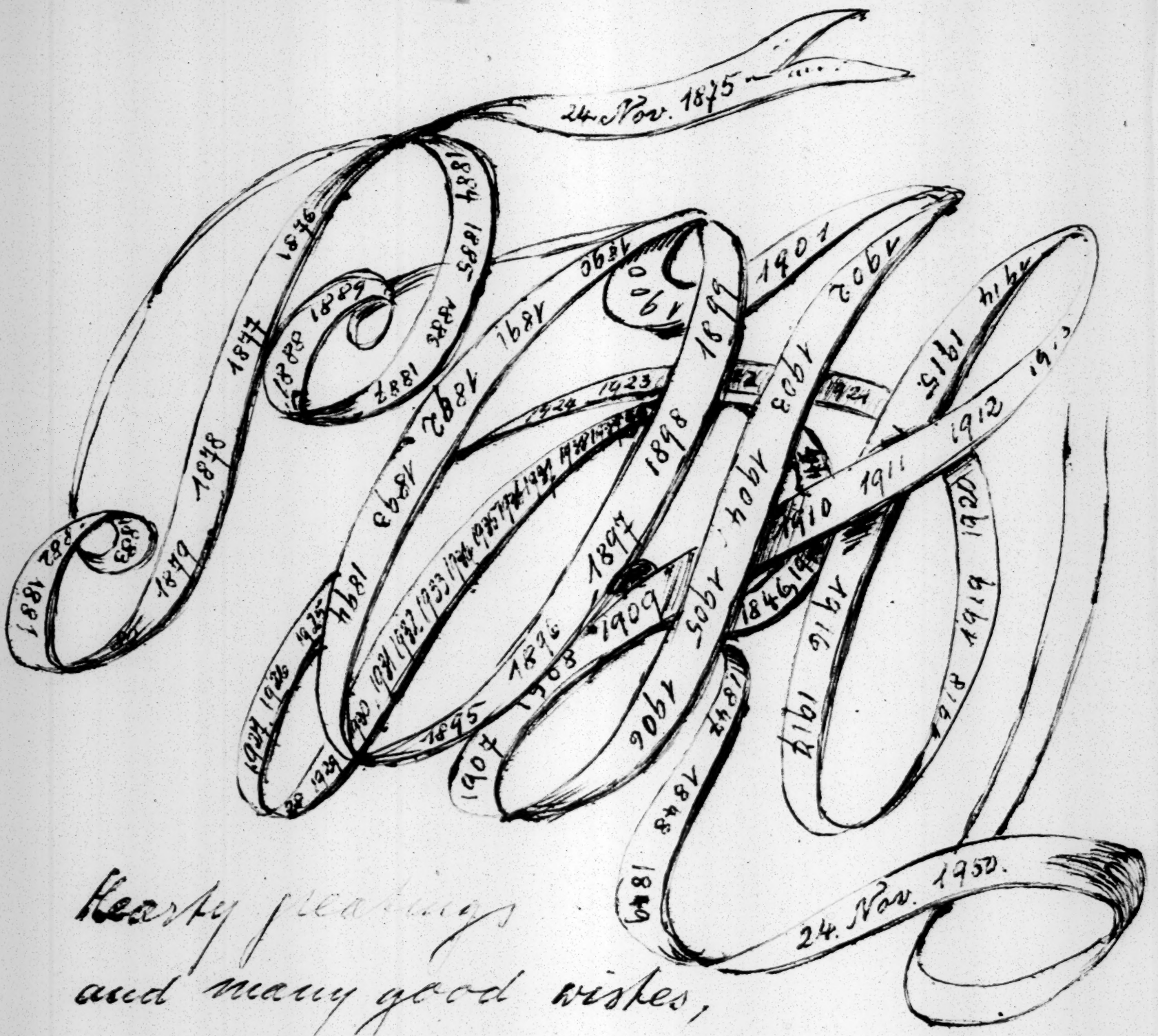

Hearty greetings
and many good wishes,
yours sincerely,

H. Rieder

Sister Elisabeth.

Tsingtao, 24.11.50.

Rieder.

4 Lai Yang Rd.
Taipeh Taiwan
Nov. 2. 1950.

Dearest Sis:
What did I say in that letter to get you into all of this? I'm desperately sorry. With your not being well, I would not have taken a real crisis put such a burden on you. There is no crisis for at least a few months. I would never have asked it - I would not have asked it - What did I say? I wonder whether my air letter reached you. I got a letter from you saying you didn't know rules & asked me to send them. I wrote at once by air mail to tell you. I had rather put the whole thing out of mind. Your letter rejected, means that either my letter had not reached you or you had not yet! I thought it would have, tho I did not note date. In that letter I said there things are a precaus calculation

many gifts. Some museum pieces + not
ever to be replaced. They are, altho
not as least possible chance, to halter
I said re selling, surely did not make
it clear, I'm so sorry. I meant if
in future I ~~to be able to~~ realize
interest to sell them I never
would ~~or forced to it.~~ I never dreamed
of such necessity. Many of them
are priceless + can't be replaced.
Some day for my children to treasure
room. What I can't get anymore
out of hand is a great question.
Those were procured in a very
unusual circumstance. The
porcelain things mostly old —
I can replace in a way but the
Chine coats all pair were
not to be placed — the yellow pale
only especially — I have left the
blue + white are gifts from nurses
+ blue shoes embroidered to match the blue
after a several trials to get a pair
I would not pay for them (if I could)
Should not pay for them (if I could)
saucers were to match the tea set
for cakes or something. I don't think

upset

send collect

replaceable. the black shoes-put me to embroidered-can't
do more - Shoes connect

Mother dear, please forgive, put all of
blame on me. But let it bother you,
Thanks. Thanks so much much love Sister
Miss. I love

Presbyterian Mission , 4 Tsi Yang Road, Tsingtao, Shantung, No
November 26. Day after Thanksgiving

My very Dearest Bud:
Just on the chance that my fiend , Miss Elisabeth Wright , will get to Guam I am u p early this morning to get a letter writtenę to you. First I disclaim any responsility for errors. My typing has not improved fast but since you know the keyboard you can guess at what key I was aiming . With that apology I proceed, I do not use either hunt and peck or touch but the last is what I an strivingfor. Thanks so for all fo the love and concern and telegrams that you sent in my illness and the desire to fly over to me at once andthe wires sent home and the welcome to Jap an and all and alll and somemore that I can not specify. A l that goes in your womderful love for a rascal sister and that counts for all that goes thru the years. Your coworker here has been just a peach nd hs been so very helpful in so many ways . He kept track of me when I did not know of it al all. In fact I did not know of your letters to him nor your attempt to come nor any ofthat till the Dr. had abut gotten me ready to come home. I guess that for a timem they were not sure about whether I wouldpull thru or not but they kept mewell in the dark aboutthat. I never had the least concern about it, I was at perfect rest about thewhole matter and the world in general . I guess that was the reason that he did not want fyou to come then. I am slrry for then you coule have gone on offf to Peking and now I am not so sure of your chances. Then after thepermission was given for you to come I kept looking for you . After so many upsets in the Chinese situation , and hint s about leaving came to us form the consul , I doublted your gettin off . Then theother day Mr. Tissard said that he had had word of your move to Guam. I can imagine that you will loveit ther -- not as it will be hot and hotter and wetę and wetter but you will takeit in your stride . Maybe cause you to loose a few pounds. The rumor isthat the Butner isto go thru Guam nd sbo not to g o but in the faint chance of it I will givethis letter to Betty and she can get it to you some day, or some way. Bud, I am so very grat ful to be re- entrusted with life and gradually with the opp ortunity to work for HIm , possibly here or wherever . the is His affair. Last week the electrocardiagram gave a pretty perfect heart picture and now that I have so quicly recovered they are goin over things and record to see what the last pronouncement is on the name of it and just as to the limits I need to have set for me. I have not driven the car since the last of August , when I drove up to the mountains , where I had theattack , but the busy time of gettin of these refugees on this ship has delayed the conference of thes Dr. and yesteeday I had no driver and needed to go so

our Mission Dr. said 'yes' I could drive ., as it was Thanksgiving day. I went to thehos-
pital to be there with Miss Fan when her mother hd an eye operation and that was a
success, she will be aboe to see again, and then I drove up to the big German church
with helovely St. Christoper window in the front, to say avery special thank you to our
Lord. I got there in time for the last hymn and the benediction, but that didnot matter I
got there to do what I went for. To be ableto drive again ia very great blessing. The Dr.
at one time said that I should never touch awheel gain ---- so it is a bot of that joy
and gratefulness that I want to share with you today.

You have known of evacuation orders andplans and thepuzzleabout what U.S. will do
in her China dilema and in China's terrible plight, and in the much great er plight of
the wolrd if China goes all into the Red domination. It is as real a sworddof Damocles
over the head os U.S. as over China but it is at some distance . Personally I am not yet
going to leave . So long asthe re is anavy ship toogt out on I am not in a hurry. I hav
plans for the most of my possessions and they are of minor im ortance anyway, and enough
food for a long time , if I useit wisely, so I am doubly gld of the Dr.'s assurance
that I need not be ahealth case to get out. I will notcome to us for atimeat lea t and
if so by then will they hve changed atitude so they can winna measure of recognition?
At any rate if wll leave the opening to return to China may be a lon g way off. If some
can keep a toein the dor it may be all to the good. Besides there is too much not now
settled up to go on the first baot. Lots of Navy folks will be here till Jan so I do not
plan to go now.

You may wonder about the 'greyAngel' and my disposition fo it- maybe you dod notknow
Bessie did not- of the station wagon gift by the Navy from the Cal folks,Ithas been a won-
deeful thing. Your 'pal' will give it awing when the timecomes .....

Time to get dressed and to gt going for the day , I'll see them off and get this
into Betty's hands . She can tell you about me and the set up here . I told her to
give you a smack for me and she sort of questioned that . You willY toonot be
embarassed but she might surprise you'.

all my love ——→

Irene

Just had a recent Lord's money gift of 500.00 4.5! ——
to use as)he guides!